Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 31 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 29 Mar 2022 at 13:54 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a much colder spell than of late, with a return to winter conditions. Low confidence for the weekend, with a chance of milder conditions arriving from the west.

Headline for Wednesday 30 Mar 2022: Much colder with sunny spells and occasionally heavy snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Sunny	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
50%	20%	<05%	20%	40%	50%	10%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 30 Mar 2022

Weather: A few light snow flurries overnight, but cloud breaking up to clear skies by dawn. Then a cold sunny morning, a few snow showers across eastern hills. Scattered snow showers more widespread by the afternoon, occasionally heavy with a risk of thunder. Showers dying out early evening to leave largely clear skies, although a few showers continuing across eastern Aberdeenshire hills.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility, briefly falling to a few hundred meters or less in passing snow showers. Cloud generally above the summits, but occasionally down to 800m in the morning, 900-1000m early afternoon, most likely across Aberdeenshire and Angus hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	16/20 NE	19/25 NE	25/32 N	19/27 N	21/29 N	18/26 N	20/28 NE	20/26 N	19/25 N
900	12/17 NE	14/19 NE	14/21 N	15/23 N	17/26 N	15/23 N	15/23 NE	14/21 N	13/19 N
600	7/12 NE	9/15 NE	9/18 N	11/20 N	12/22 N	12/21 N	10/20 NE	8/17 N	7/15 N
300	5/12 NE	7/16 N	8/19 N	12/24 N	11/24 N	11/23 N	9/18 NE	8/17 N	7/18 N
Glen	6/13 NE	6/16 N	7/18 N	11/22 N	11/23 N	10/21 N	9/19 NE	9/19 N	7/16 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-6/-14	-7/-16	-8/-18	-8/-17	-6/-15	-6/-14	-6/-15	-7/-16	-8/-16
900	-4/-11	-5/-12	-6/-14	-6/-13	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-11	-5/-12	-6/-12
600	-2/-6	-3/-8	-4/-9	-3/-8	-1/-7	-1/-6	-2/-7	-4/-8	-4/-8
300	0/-2	-1/-4	-2/-6	1/-4	2/-2	2/-2	1/-3	-1/-5	-1/-5
Glen	1/-2	-0/-4	-1/-5	2/-2	4/-0	3/-0	2/-2	0/-4	-1/-4
Freezing Level*	200m	00m	00m	00m	200m	200m	200m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A return to winter on the tops with much colder conditions than of late. Snow fields likely to be hard and icy, with icy stretches along path.

Forecast for Thursday 31 Mar 2022
Weather: Eastern Aberdeenshire and northern Angus hills often cloudy with snow showers, heavy at times. Bright spells in between showers. Further south and west largely dry, clear skies then sunny spells. Bitterly cold in the wind.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 15 gusting 25-30 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the northeast, 80% in the southwest

Low Cloud and visibility: Visibility very good, briefly falling to a few hundred meters or less in passing snow showers. Frequent cloud across eastern Aberdeenshire and northern Angus hills, bases dropping to around 800m in showers. Further south and west hills largely cloud free.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 Celsius rising to plus 4 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Down to the glens, rising to 300-400m during the day

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